

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claim 21 and amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for preventing and treating urinary bladder infections, comprising an active agent carrier, adapted to be inserted and forming an implant body in the urinary bladder, having an elongated shape such that it may be pushed into the bladder space directly or with the use of a catheter or another suitable device through the urethra and having an active agent ~~on said carrier having~~ with at least one of germicidal properties and properties that render germs ineffective to produce disease, said active agent carrier being adopted to dissolve or disintegrate under conditions in the bladder, such that the material forming the active agent carrier can be flushed out through the urethra together with the active agent.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the active agent is silver in a nano-porous state.

4. - 7. (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the active agent carrier dissolves, disintegrates or is changed into a different shape by at least one of (a) changing the pH-value, and (b) in the presence of enzymes or another stimulus.

9. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the active agent carrier is biodegradable, the duration of the disintegration being specified in the properties of the active agent carrier and its structure.

10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the elongated active agent carrier is comprised of many individual thin strings.

12. - 17. (Canceled).

18. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein an end piece is attached to the active agent carrier, which is equipped with a separable connection that can be pulled out after insertion.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of silver, an antiseptic, an antibiotic and a biocide.

21. (New) The device set forth in claim 1, wherein the active agent carrier is a polymer that is equipped with shape memory properties and that obtains in the bladder space a shape suitable for the purpose through at least one of absorbing liquids, temperature changes and a different stimulus.